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SUBJECT: MTN: SPECIFIC LDC MARKET ACCESS INDICATIVE LISTS

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1. EMBOFFS TALKED WITH GOS TRADE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT DIRECTOR CHING APRIL 12 AND WENT OVER POINTS REFTEL. CHING RE-ITERATED G-77 CONCERNS OVER DILUTION OF GSP PRIVILEGES THROUGH TRADE LIBERALIZATION AND THIRD WORLD DISCOMFORT WITH U.S. REQUESTS FOR RECIPROCITY GESTURES. HE GAVE NO INDICATION OF LIKELY GOS RESPONSE TO OUR REQUESTS FOR RECIPROCITY (WHICH IN SINGAPORE'S CASE IS ALMOST ENTIRELY FOR ZERO TARIFF BINDINGS), BUT SAID GOS PREPARED TO DISCUSS THIS IN US-GOS BILATERAL TALKS APRIL 21-22. HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT SINGAPORE WOULD NOT GET OUT IN FRONT OF THE REST OF G-77 ON THIS ISSUE.

2. COMMENT:CHING'S COMMENTS ON NEED FOR SOLIDARITY WITH G-77 DO NOT ACCORD FULLY WITH THOSE MADE BY HIS SUPERIORS DURING AMB WOLFF'S VISIT TO SINGAPORE. PRIME MINISTER LEE, FOR EXAMPLE, TOLD AMB WOLFF THAT GOS WOULD DO WHAT IT COULD TO ENCOURAGE FULL LDC PARTICIPATION IN TALKS, AND GOS WAS AT POINT OF EXCHANGING
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CONFIDENTIAL LETTERS OF INTENT ON BILATERAL MTN MATTERS WHEN EXCHANGE CAME UNSTUCK BECAUSE OF WORDING PROBLEM. NOW THAT MTN TO BE DISCUSSED IN ASEAN CONTEXT, HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR SINGAPORE TO BREAK RANKS WITH G-77 UNLESS OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES ARE ALSO PREPARED TO DO SO. WE BELIEVE WE CAN COUNT ON SINGAPORE TO URGE THEIR ASEAN PARTNERS TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH US NEXT WEEK, PROVIDED OUR OFFER IS SUFFICIENTLY INTERESTING.

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